



Guardian Angels Parish

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(Weekend of December 19/20, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent)

December 18, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The great Christmas is just around the corner sans festivities. We all love Christmas, and it brings families together, people together. All these wonderful things are going to be nostalgia or will take place on a limited way this year to protect ourselves and others.

Christmas we can imagine with our intellect and biblical insight as the gift of the Father. To put it in the words of the Evangelist John 3-16 “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” reason, that we may have life and that too life in abundance.

In order to realize the plan of God, today’s readings spell out through prophecies and angelic message God’s initiative toward us. The whole point of this initiative is not what we do but what God does for us. David has to let go of his plans towards building the temple of Jerusalem but eventually come to realize the plan of God. “Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house ...I will raise up offspring after you...I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.”

The question we may all ask; “why did God chose Mary. God chose her to carry on God’s Son on behalf of us, because her future child was God’s gift to us all. That is why Mary responded to God’s choice of her was not just a matter concerning herself. It concerned all. We all had vested interest in how she responded. Her response would be our response...good news is that Mary did not let us down...”(*Sunday homilies ASP*)

Dear friends, on this 4th Sunday, let us sing with the psalmist. “Forever I sing the goodness of the Lord” and with Mary, let us acclaim “Here Am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word.” With the above intentions in our heart, we will be able to build in our heart a worthy temple for the Son of God and carry him in our hearts just like Mary did, just by doing His will.

Since, the congregation cannot participate in the divine liturgy, you can all join in the live streaming. You can come to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and visit the manger. Starting from 5 pm to 7:30 pm on 24th December and 11 am to 1 pm on 25th December. Church will be opened to anyone visiting the manger from 6 pm to 6:30 pm. I will be there to greet you. I request you to come with your families. It will be great, if you let us know your preferred

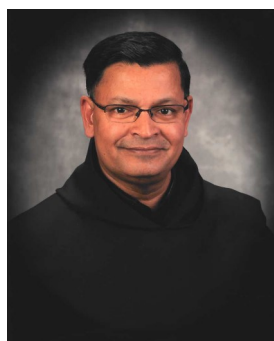
time slot, so that we can do it in an organized way, so that we can follow the government protocol. Just send us an email or give us a call and we will confirm the same.

Also, please, if you can, visit the church compound and enjoy the blue lights decorations and the Christmas manger set up by the Knight of Columbus.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Pastor

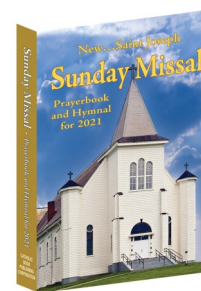


Simbang Gabi 2020

Live Streaming

December 15 to 23, 2020 : 7 pm

Day	Sponsors
Tue Dec 15	Couples for Christ – Missionary Families of Christ
Wed Dec 16	El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group
Thu Dec 17	Couples for Christ – Missionary Families of Christ
Fri Dec 18	Couples for Christ – Missionary Families of Christ
Sat Dec 19	El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group
Sun Dec 20	El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group
Mon Dec 21	Legion of Mary – Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mother of Our Savior Praesidia (Tagalog Mass to be presided by Fr. Rey Usman, Pastor - St. Joseph the Worker Parish—Squamish, BC)
Tue Dec 22	Legion of Mary – Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mother of Our Savior Praesidia
Wed Dec 23	Legion of Mary – Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mother of Our Savior Praesidia



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